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In re the Reissue Application of:

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For: EXTERNAL STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE AND DATA
TRANSFER METHOD BETWEEN EXTERNAL STORAGE
CONTROL DEVICES

FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM

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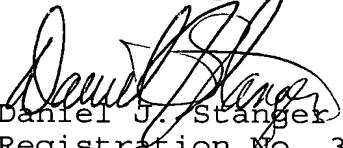
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, the reissue Applicants affirm the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 8-002050, filed in Japan on January 10, 1996, a certified copy of which priority document was filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/779,471, now U.S. Patent No. 5,978,890 (prior application (35 USC 120) of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,095, now U.S. Patent No. 6,470,432 B2, the reissue of which is sought by the present application).

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